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Region 2 WorkForce Investment Board Awards WVLC for Partnership

CHARLESTON, WV. The Region 2 WorkForce Investment Board (Region 2 WIB), a non-profit corporation focused on reducing unemployment, has presented the [West Virginia Library Commission](#) with a Partner Agency Award in recognition of the agency's excellence in delivering "workforce enhancement, training and support over the past year," said Claude 'Jake' Hunt, Executive Director of the Board.

"We are proud to use the West Virginia Library Commission as an example for others and how companies and groups can immediately benefit from working with the West Virginia WorkForce system," said Hunt.

"The Library Commission is honored to receive the award," said Karen Goff, Secretary of the Commission. "The Library Commission is committed to fostering employment and skills enhancement in cooperation with the Region 2 WorkForce Investment Board."

The West Virginia Library Commission, in partnership with the Region 2 WIB, makes the online learning platform *Workforce Skills for 21st Century Success*™ available [on the Board's website](#). The Region 2 WIB in turn makes the system available to its constituents in southern West Virginia.

Developed by [LearningExpress, LLC](#), *Workforce Skills for 21st Century Success*™ is a comprehensive online career resource and job search tool built to boost basic workplace skills, prepare workers for high-wage and high-skilled employment, and provide guidance in job search and real-time job postings. The product offers self-directed tutorials, practice tests and exercises, and eBooks that help improve the skills needed by today's job seekers.

Adult Services Consultant Susan Hayden led the Library Commission's part of the project. Hayden worked with the vendor on technical issues so that Region 2 WIB could serve as a national product test site. She also trained the Region 2 WIB staff to use the software and she coordinated publicity, which included a television spot that aired for eight weeks in the target area.

Region 2 WIB clients can access *Workforce Skills for 21st Century Success*™ in Region 2 WIB offices and in places where broadband Internet access is available, such as public libraries.

The Region 2 WIB includes seven rural counties located in southwest West Virginia. The Region 2 WIB Comprehensive Center and headquarters is in Huntington, WV and covers Cabell County. Affiliate sites are in Boone, Lincoln, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne counties. A satellite site is in Logan County.

“Making the software available for Region 2 WIB is a pilot program for the Library Commission,” said Secretary Goff. “We look forward to working with other WorkForce Investment Boards to enhance services throughout the state.”

The West Virginia Library Commission serves the people of West Virginia and encourages lifelong learning, individual empowerment, civic engagement and an enriched quality of life by enhancing library and information services for all West Virginians. More information is available at www.librarycommission.wv.gov.

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